

Bilateral Trade

Brazil-United Kingdom 2006

In 2006 the United Kingdom was Brazil's thirteenth trading partner in terms of exports and seventeenth in terms of imports. The following table shows Brazil's main trading partners during 2006.

Table 1. Main trading partners, 2006 - (US\$ fob)

Order	Country of destination	Exports	Order	Country of origin	Imports
1	USA	24.431.328.973	1	USA	14.691.181.180
2	Argentina	11.713.819.074	2	Argentina	8.056.510.544
3	China	8.399.521.068	3	China	7.989.095.358
4	Netherlands	5.743.864.748	4	Germany	6.502.835.531
5	Germany	5.675.319.528	5	Nigeria	3.884.591.769
6	Mexico	4.440.379.937	6	Japan	3.839.397.072
7	Chile	3.895.979.048	7	South Korea	3.106.450.721
8	Japan	3.883.935.727	8	Chile	2.907.976.389
9	Italy	3.828.916.822	9	France	2.836.799.453
10	Venezuela	3.555.035.121	10	Italy	2.569.627.233
11	Russia	3.443.125.394	11	Algeria	1.976.263.102
12	Belgium	2.994.388.214	12	Taiwan	1.748.654.583
13	United Kingdom	2.821.916.508	13	Saudi Arabia	1.616.964.922
14	France	2.662.551.629	14	India	1.473.938.502
15	Spain	2.323.899.588	15	Bolivia	1.448.378.965
16	Canada	2.275.323.387	16	Spain	1.431.115.606
17	Colombia	2.128.863.596	17	United Kingdom	1.417.177.596
18	South Korea	1.961.976.609	18	Switzerland	1.324.897.562
19	Iran	1.567.911.983	19	Mexico	1.309.917.696
20	Peru	1.500.791.433	20	Canada	1.193.437.778
	Total Exports	137.469.700.421		Total Imports	91.395.620.834

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry & Commerce (SECEX/DECEX)

From 1996 to 2006, Brazilian exports to the United Kingdom grew by 131.9% in total. In 2006 exports grew by almost 9%. Brazilian imports from the United Kingdom rose from 1996 to 1998, then fell in 1999 and remained at that year's level in 2000 and 2001. After an increase of almost 9%, in 2002, imports declined by almost 11%, in 2003. In 2004 imports grew by over 12%, by 1.5% in 2005, and by just over 3% in 2006. The balance of trade has shown a surplus for Brazil, except in 1997 and 1998. In 2006, the surplus of almost \$1.4 billion is the highest achieved in the last 10 years.

Table 2. Brazil-United Kingdom, balance of trade 1996-2006 (US\$ fob)

Year	Exports	%	Imports	%	Balance of Trade	Total Value	%
1996	1.323.658.926	-0.14%	1.249.937.519	26.49%	73.721.407	2.573.596.445	11.23%
1997	1.258.833.826	-4.90%	1.488.066.305	19.05%	-229.232.479	2.746.900.131	6.73%
1998	1.339.228.079	6.39%	1.498.044.625	0.67%	-158.816.546	2.837.272.704	3.29%
1999	1.437.220.769	7.32%	1.221.783.566	-17.94%	215.437.203	2.659.004.335	-6.28%
2000	1.498.417.242	4.26%	1.232.775.178	0.92%	265.642.064	2.731.192.420	2.71%
2001	1.704.753.232	13.77%	1.234.934.300	0.04%	469.818.932	2.939.687.532	7.63%
2002	1.768.904.607	3.76%	1.344.837.355	8.90%	424.067.252	3.113.741.962	5.92%
2003	1.880.312.466	7.34%	1.202.406.947	-10.59%	677.905.519	3.082.719.413	-0.99%
2004	2.116.544.678	11.47%	1.354.945.804	12.46%	761.598.874	3.471.490.482	11.08%
2005	2.591.421.523	22.44%	1.355.140.399	1.52%	1.236.281.124	3.946.561.922	13.68%
2006	2.821.916.508	8.89%	1.431.115.606	3.02%	1.390.800.902	4.253.032.114	7.77%

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry & Commerce (SECEX/DECEX)

Brazilian exports to the United Kingdom are diversified, even though raw materials and semi-manufactured products have always figured as important items. Manufactured products of a higher aggregated value are beginning to have more weight. The most important products exported to the United Kingdom between 2005 and 2006 can be seen on the following table:

	2006	2005	%
<i>Piston engines & parts for motor vehicles</i>	302.640.173	295.780.752	2,32
<i>Footwear</i>	200.587.760	179.552.147	11,72
<i>Iron Ore & concentrates</i>	195.025.878	134.475.158	45,03
<i>Bovine meat, fresh, frozen or refrigerated</i>	189.577.477	181.660.985	4,36
<i>Bovine meat preparations, prepared or preserved</i>	139.678.411	130.398.986	7,12
<i>Soya</i>	133.624.018	153.009.366	-12,67
<i>Plywood</i>	105.967.982	115.768.439	-8,47
<i>Aircrafts</i>	104.693.769	59.459.793	76,07
<i>Petroleum oils</i>	97.524.369	14.440.516	575,35
<i>Furniture</i>	86.583.767	74.940.729	15,54
<i>Other products</i>	1.266.012.904	1.251.934.652	1,12
Total	2.821.916.508	2.591.421.523	8,89

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry & Commerce (SECEX/DECEX)

Brazilian imports from the United Kingdom are predominantly centred on factors of production and capital goods, as seen on the table below:

	2006	2005	%
<i>Medicinal & pharmaceutical products</i>	96.983.491	84.882.315	14,26
<i>Insecticides, herbicides & similar products</i>	93.152.285	120.956.384	-22,99
<i>Whisky</i>	66.486.133	50.572.351	31,47
<i>Professional, scientific, controlling instruments</i>	52.824.716	55.806.425	-5,34
<i>Piston engines & parts for motor vehicles</i>	52.744.293	44.608.337	18,24
<i>Heterocyclic compounds, its salts & sulphonamides</i>	52.521.361	57.078.594	-7,98
<i>Motor vehicles for the transport of passenger</i>	51.225.296	34.971.834	46,48
<i>Engines, generators, electric transformers & parts</i>	42.800.733	10.504.979	307,43
<i>Pumps, compressors, fans & parts</i>	42.618.605	35.649.906	19,55
<i>Radioactive chemical elements & isotopes</i>	36.580.666	30.301.232	20,72
<i>Other products</i>	829.240.015	850.246.205	-2,47
Total	1.417.177.594	1.375.578.562	3.02

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry & Commerce (SECEX/DECEX)

Table 5 below shows the evolution of the top 10 Brazilian products entering the UK market between 2000 and 2006:

	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000
<i>Piston engine & parts for motor vehicles</i>	302.6	295.8	260.9	239.0	216.9	120.9	43.4
<i>Footwear</i>	200.6	179.6	136.2	109.3	110.3	107.3	110.8
<i>Iron ore& concentrates</i>	195.0	134.5	48.3	38.2	43.5*	64.3*	45.6*
<i>Bovine meat, fresh, frozen or refrigerated</i>	189.6	181.7	123.0	89.5	53.4	50.2	49.3
<i>Bovine meat preparations</i>	139.7	130.4	126.7	91.8	97.7	96.8	91.4
<i>Soya</i>	133.6	153.0	146.8	136.4	128.6	91.1	73.1
<i>Plywood</i>	106.0	115.8	151.7	94.8	105.5	81.2	91.5
<i>Aircrafts</i>	104.7	84.7	15.8	n/a	n/a	168.2	217.1
<i>Crude petroleum oils</i>	97.5	14.4	16.2*	126.5	16.9	10.6*	0.00*
<i>Furniture</i>	86.6	74.9	92.8	61.3	55.8*	50.1*	45.0*
Total	2.822	2.591	2.117	1.880	1.769	1.705	1.498

Source: Ministry of Development, Industry & Commerce (SECEX/DECEX)
 * Source: HM Customs & Excise

Further information on Brazilian-UK trade or on Brazilian trade in general can be found on the following sites:

- www.braziltradenet.gov.br - Ministry of External Relations
- www.mdic.gov.br - Ministry of Development Industry & Commerce
- www.buybrazil.org - Ministry of External Relations
- www.bcb.gov.br - Central Bank of Brazil
- www.bancodobrasil.gov.br - Bank of Brazil
- www.ibge.gov.br - Brazilian Institute of Geography & Statistics
- www.brazil4export.com - Brazilian National Confederation of Industry
- www.fazenda.gov.br - Ministry of Finance
- www.brazil.org.uk - Embassy of Brazil in London